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Rico West Dolores Project Comment

Hi we have been users of the Bear Creek Drainage area for many years and would like to put our two cents in the comments.. This may be late but is still pertinent to the Project.

We are strongly opposed to the use of single track motor bikes in Bear Creek The Use of Any motorized vehicles in the Bear Creek Valley seems to be incongruous with the typical out door user or "quite user " which should demand as much for their experience as , fortunately , the Hunter gets during the seasons. .

We have ridden horseback, fished, hiked and camped in Bear Creek since the mid 1970s and have had great experiences, however surprisingly noted more and more motorized use and larger motorcycles using the trail areas as a motocross track . Luckily ( we heard them a mile away) we have always been able to get off the trail with the livestock or when hiking to get out of the way of the motocross race on the trail.

Years ago the only this off track motor bike was what we called a "Tote Goat" which could reach speeds of maybe 30 mph and was much quieter than the machines today...

And, until the past 10 years there were not groups of them traveling as a pack. We have also seen, near Mancos where we live, the Extreme motorized biking on the trails and Roads around Windy Gap and Transfer camp ground 60 and 70 miles an hour on the forest road. This has also been observed in the BLM lands "Canyons of the Ancients"

These motorcyclists are not out for a day drive to look at the scenery and have a picnic but rather to see how fast they can get from one spot to another with apparent disregard for flora or fauna.

We Love our local Forests and after years of being in many areas of SW Colorado & San Juan National Forest we have become personally protective of these areas

and in particular , the unique free running river known as Bear Creek.

We appreciate and acknowledge and all that you, as the agency, do and can do to protect the resources as well as provide trails for access to the quiet spots in our most beautiful part of the world

We would like to see Bear Creek remain as one of the quiet spots in our wild land along the Dolores River Drainage

Sincerely,

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